

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 91 - SB 442

May 1, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to use an alternative growth indicator approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) in the evaluation of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$9,000,000/Recurring

Other Fiscal Impact – If LEAs are required to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown factors, a precise impact cannot be reasonably determined.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (009048):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes LEAs to use a comparable alternative student growth measure approved by the SBE and adopted by the LEA in the evaluation of pre-k and kindergarten teachers. Changes, from 2017-18 to 2018-19, the school year for which employment termination and compensation decisions for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten teachers shall not be based solely on data generated by the portfolio model. Requires the section to be repealed January 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Other Fiscal Impact – If LEAs are required to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures. However, due to multiple unknown factors, a precise impact cannot be reasonably determined.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

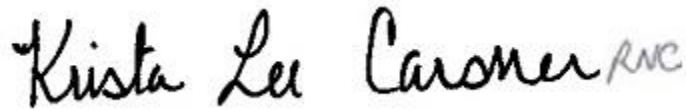
- Districts that receive voluntary pre-k (VPK) money are required to implement the pre-k and kindergarten growth portfolio model for all pre-k and kindergarten teachers.

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- Currently, the only two options for a growth model that still meet the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302 is the currently-approved pre-k and kindergarten growth portfolio model or a standardized assessment (which is not currently an option).
- If LEAs are expected to cover the costs associated with administering an alternative growth indicator, then an increase in local expenditures will be expected. However, due to multiple unknown factors, the precise impact to local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined and any increases would be permissive.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner" followed by a small, stylized monogram "RLC".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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